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In Re Application of:

*Horan et al.*

U.S. Serial No. 09/470,360

Filed December 22, 1999

Attorney Docket No. C-7197C2 (CEL-03-3)

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RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

Sir:

In reply to the *Final Action*, Applicants file herewith a *Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114* and requests that all the claims be allowed in view of the amendments to the claims and remarks contained on the following sheets, a total of five pages, including the cover sheet.

Preliminarily, Applicants withdraw the *Appeal* with the filing of the present *RCE*.

A *Petition for Extension of Time* and fee for a one-month extension within which to file the *Brief* are included. No other extensions or fees are believed required; if however additional

extension and/or fees are deemed required, please consider this paper a *Petition* therefore and charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0935.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. W. Ferrell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "M" and last name "Ferrell" being the most prominent parts.

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